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## **MAYOR'S MESSAGE**

As your Mayor, my focus in this early part of a second term is on taking care of business by continuing to build safe communities throughout Miami-Dade County. I am very pleased to be a part of the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources, Board and Code Administration Division (BCAD) newsletter: "Cornerstone - Building Together for a Safe Community". Each part of our County government has a role and shared commitment to work together to achieve the goal of safe neighborhoods to live, work and play in, every day!

The efforts made by the Board and Code Administration Division to ensure that Miami-Dade County has strong building codes and qualified code certified personnel are an important part of safeguarding our built environment. The four Advisory Boards administered by the Division also serve to ensure the adequate level of construction regulation is applied for the protection of the community as well as to facilitate an avenue for appeal and appropriate review of code requirements.

We want our residents to feel safe where they live and work. Our community relies on the technical engineering review and quality assurance performed by BCAD on construction products and components that are ultimately used to build our homes and businesses. Additionally, thousands of our residents grow their trade profession and business through this Division's contractor license application process and are then able to provide valuable and quality construction services to the local community. I am confident that these efforts reflect our collective determination to promote the overall safety of Miami-Dade County and, in a nod to this newsletter's name, it forms a cornerstone.

We will continue to build on these efforts for a vibrant, safe, and always future-ready Miami-Dade.



## Cornerstone Newsletter Relaunched **WE'RE BACK!**

**WELCOME** to the relaunched quarterly edition of **CORNERSTONE!** We are brimming with excitement to once again share the Board and Code Administration Division's newsletter with the Miami-Dade County community. The last edition of Cornerstone was published in October 2010.

Merriam-Webster

As defined in **Merriam-Webster's** Dictionary, **cor·ner·stone** (noun) is:

- 1. a stone forming a part of a corner or angle in a wall
- 2. a basic element: **FOUNDATION**.

The focus of the Cornerstone newsletter is to lay the groundwork to inform and communicate the functions of the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources Board and Code Administration Division in service to the community. As in the past, Cornerstone will serve as an educational resource for our residents, contractors, code certified personnel, product manufacturers as well as the general construction industry. Here we will share information about upcoming events, general updates, highlights of departmental news, Advisory Boards recaps, and other valuable informational items in each issue. Cornerstone will continue as a valuable source of information as we *Build Together for a Safe Community*.

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